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RAILROAD STETEMS SPEED UP OPERATIONS

LATVIAN RAILROAD WORKERS FULFILL PLAN -- Sovetskaya Latviya, No 91, 19 Apr 49

Latvian Railroad System Workers exceeded the 1949 first-quarter transport plan. Average daily hauling increased 12.8 percent over the same period of 1948. During March, railroad car turnover was 31.7 hours under the prewar level.

KIROV SYSTEM MICKEDS PLAN -- Leninskoye Znamya, No 76, 19 Apr 49

. Workers of the Kirov Railroad System considerably exceeded the 1949 first-quarter quota. The transport plan was fulfilled 114 percent.

OCTOBER SYSTEM SPAROS RUBS -- Leningradekaya Pravda, No 91, 19 Apr 49

Many engineers of the October Railroad System have stepped up their performance in honor of \hat{i} May.

A number of locomotive mer have already carried out obligations which they had assumed: to increase the average run of a locomotive 5 kilometers above the plan, to increase the average speed excluding steps, and to reduce the turnover time of a locomotive by one hour in 2^k .

WORKERS PLEDGE TO SPEED COAL TRANSPORT -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 87, 14 Apr 49

Workers of the Moscow-Donbass line successfully completed the 1946 plan for both quantity and quality and exceeded the plan for the first quarter of 1949. They have now undertaken new obligations: to achieve the level of hauling planned for 1950 by the Railroad Workere Day of this year, to haul 400,000 tons of coal above the 1949 plan, to increase the turnover of freight cars by 2 percent, to lower planned costs of shipping by 2 percent, and to release 6 million rubles of working capital.

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DEPOT SPEEDS LOCOMOTIVE REPAIRS -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 70, 9 Apr 49

Since January 1949, workers of the Bessarabskaya Railroad Depot have short and the time required to repair a locomotive from between 40 and 46 hours to 17 hours.

NOVOSIBIRSK DEPOT WINS AWARDS -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 49, 12 Mar 49

The Novosibirsk Passenger Car Depot has held the Red Banner of the action ovichskiy Rayon Party Committee and the Rayon Executive Committee for the state of the second of the January and February plans. The depot has pledged to complete the 6-month plan by 1 May and to repair six cars above plan.

Sovetskaya Sibir', No 55, 20 Mar 49

The Novosibirsk Section of the Tomsk Railroad System expects to release 500,000 rubles of working capital.

The locamotive depot in Kaganovichskiy Rayon, city of Novosibirsk, has pledged to release 500,000 rubles of working capital and to increase locamotive runs between overhauls.

URAL-SIBERIA WORKERS FULFILL YEAR PLAN -- Gudok, No 49, 24 Apr 49

Workers of the Ural-Siberia Railroad Okrug fulfilled the 1949 freight leading plan 100.9 percent, and the plan for freight unloading 103.5 percent. The plan for unloading coal, ores, ferrous metals, and timber, was exceeded. Workers have pledged to reach the 1950 production level in the second quarter of 1949.

ANDIZHAN RAILBOAD SECTION LAGS -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 61, 29 Mar 49

the Tashkent Railroad System is not satisfactorily meeting the increased demands of Uzbek agriculture. The Andizhan Section, in particular, has not been successful in handling the increased volume of freight for the spring sowing season. The stations of the section are not fulfilling the plan for unloading seed, petroleum products, and sowing equipment, and many loaded cars are held up for days and weeks before being unloaded or shipped on. The main cause for this situation is lack of organization throughout the section and carelessness in keeping records.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER TOPS SPEED RECORD -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 62, 30 Mar 49

A locomotive engineer of the Andizhan Section of the Tashkent Railread System operated a train corrying 100 tons of freight above the norm from Drhalal-Abad to Andizhan on 21 March. The train made no stops and achieved a speed of 50.3 kilometers per hour, the highest speed over achieved on the section.

TRANSBAYKAL RAILRACD INCREASED TOWNAGE -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabnoliy, No 52, 16 Mar 19

In January, 725 heavily loaded trains were hauled on the Transbaykal Kaliroad System, with the result that 124,500 tons of freight above plan were transported and more than 500 tons of fuel were saved above plan. The tennage of each train in January was increased 150 tons. Locomotive engineers of the Shilka depot hauled 120 heavily loaded trains in January and transported

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46,245 tons above the quota. During the same month, locomotive engineers of the Khilok depot hauled 352 heavily loaded trains; Zilovo depot, 103. Chita depot, 64; and the Mogzon depot, 61 trains.

Vorkers at the Bukachacha Station took first place in the competition among the system's workers by exceeding the loading plan and decreasing the idle time of railroad cars in loading operations by 12.4 percent.

The Chernovskaya Station has also made improvements in its work.

Locomotive engineers of the Chita Locomotive Depot hauled 84 heavily loa d trains in the first 10 days of March, $1\frac{1}{2}$ times more than in the first 10 days of February. Repair workers have pledged to complete the April plan for washing repair by 25 April and to complete overhauling on two locomotives and medium repairs on one above the plan.

FAR EAST WORKERS COMPLETE QUARTER PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zwezda, No 72, 27 Mar 49

Reilroad car workers on the Far Eastern Railroad System completed the first-quarter plan for all types of repair 8 days ahead of schedule. The Bikin and Obluch'ye railroad car depots and sectors took the lead in the competition, completing above the plan annual, medium, and capital repairs on 71 and 18 railroad cars respectively.

KHABAROVSK LOCOMOTIVE DEPOT EXCEEDS QUOTAS -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezde No 66,

The In Locomotive Depot, Khabarovsk Kray, has pledged to accelerate the turnover of working capital by one day and release 400,000 rubles to the State. The depot has also pledged to reduce the operating turnover of locomotives by 2 hours more than planned, to increase the average daily run by 15 kilometers, to exceed the norm for average speed excluding stops by 1.5 kilometers, and to haul 1,000 heavily loaded trains in 1949.

In January and February, the locomotive brigades hauled considerably more heavily loaded trains than called for in the plan. The topnage of each train exceeded the norm by 319 tons, so that 180,812 tons of freight above plan were hauled.

CRITICIZES IMEFFICIENT FREIGHTAGE -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 87, 14 Apr 49

Bailroad transport is creating difficulties in the operation of Zagorozh'ye industry. The director of the "Kombunar". Plantsof Zaporozh'ye complains that delivery of goods in erratic. The same goods ordered from the same place will sometimes be received in 10 days, and at other times in 40 days. The Sinel'nikovo Station is a 2 hour brip from Zaporozh'ye, but it takes 2 weeks for a freight car to arrive from there.

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